

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Hiroki TAMAKI et al.**

Art Unit: **3657**

Application Number: **10/569,226**

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT RESPONSE

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Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 26, 2011

Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Response dated December 27, 2010, and having a response due date set for January 27, 2011. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Species A, Fig. 2A and Sub Species C1 (Figs. 14A, 14B, 15A and 15B). Claims 19, 20, 25, 28, 31 and 34 read on the elected embodiments. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the Applicants' rights to the filing of a Divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §120 and 35 U.S.C. §121 are retained.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. If any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,
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